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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A play-back device comprising:

- a plurality of play-back sources;
- a plurality of output units for outputting the play-back signals from the individual play-back sources;
- a selecting unit for selecting at least one of the play-back sources; and
- a control unit for controlling the selecting unit so as to select the at least one of the play-back sources for outputting the play-back signals to be outputted to the output units, in response to an operation,

wherein the control unit includes:

- a fluctuation deciding unit for selecting, when the at least one of the play-back sources is selected and when the operation to output the play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources to at least one of the output units is detected, the at least one of the play-back sources relating to the operation, thereby to decide whether a fluctuation occurs in the play-back signals to be outputted from the output units other than the at least one of the output units relating to the operation; and

- a selection inhibiting unit for inhibiting the selection and change to the at least one of the play-back sources relating to the operation, when the fluctuation occurring in the play-back signals is decided by the fluctuation deciding unit, and

- wherein the control unit selectively executes a play-back mode skipping operation when the selection inhibiting unit inhibits the selection and changes to the at least one of the play-back sources relating to the operation.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) A play-back device according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the output units comprises a speaker, and wherein at least one of the output units comprises a headphone.

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5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A play-back device according to Claim 7.1, wherein the control unit determines whether the play-back mode skipping operation is accompanied by a band change from a front side of the play-back device.

9. (Previously presented) A play-back device according to Claim 1, wherein the control unit controls the selecting unit to output the play-back signals in one of a single mode and a dual mode.

10. (Previously presented) A play-back device according to Claim 1, further comprising a front operation unit and a rear operation unit.

11. (Previously presented) A play-back device according to Claim 10, wherein the selection inhibiting unit inhibits the selection and change to the at least one of the play-back sources relating to an operation from the rear operation unit.

12. (Previously presented) A play-back device according to Claim 9, wherein the selection inhibiting unit inhibits the selection and change to the at least one of the play-back sources while in the dual mode.

13. (Previously presented) A play-back device according to Claim 1, wherein the selecting unit comprises a single mode/dual mode setting device.

14-17. (Canceled)